

Midd-West School District
Literacy Initiatives Timeline – Updated May 3, 2013

2009-2010 School Year

- July 1, 2009 Arrival of new director of curriculum
- December 2009 Communication and organization of Literacy committee
- January 13, 2010 First Meeting of the Literacy committee
- January – May Literacy Committee Meetings Continue
- June 2, 2010 Teachers received Writing Workshop curriculum
- June 16 2010 Visit to P.S. 317, Waterside Children's School in Queens

2010-2011 School Year

- Summer Institute at Columbia University Teachers College
- 1st year of writing workshop for 1st through 5th grade
- Full-day PD for 1st through 5th grade on writing workshop
- FDK planning for kindergarten teachers
- Fall Saturday Reunion (12 elementary teachers)
- Coaching Institute for Writing



2011-2012 School Year

- Summer Institute at Columbia University Teachers College
- Carl Anderson speaker to Midd-West School District
- 1st year of writing workshop for kindergarten
- 1st year of writing workshop for 6th grade
- 2nd year of writing workshop for 1st through 5th grade
- 5 days of staff development throughout the year for K – 5
- Coaching Institute for Writing
- Grade-level meetings focusing on curriculum, instruction & assessment needs
- Professional development days focused on curriculum, instruction & assessment

2012-2013 School Year

- Summer Institute at Columbia University Teachers College
- 1st year of writing workshop for 7th grade
- 2nd year of writing workshop for kindergarten
- 2nd year of writing workshop for 6th grade
- 3rd year of writing workshop for 1st through 5th grade
- Reading Workshop pilot at WSE in 4th grade
- Coaching Institute for Writing
- Coaching Institute for Reading
- Implementation of literacy coaches
- 5 days of staff development throughout the year for K – 5
- Grade-level meetings focusing on curriculum, instruction & assessment needs
- Class visitations/Peer observations
- Visitations from Lewisburg Area School District
- Contact from Milton Area School District about scheduling a visitation
- Professional development days focused on curriculum, instruction & assessment

2013-2014 School Year

- Summer Institute at Columbia University Teachers College
- *Where do we go from here?*
- Reflecting on Writing Workshop & Move into Reading Workshop
 - 4th & 5th grade team meetings resulted in great conversations
 - Grade-level team meetings continue this week

Update: October 28, 2013

- Completion of spring grade-level team meetings
- May 6, 2013 - Approval of sabbaticals to work on K-2 curriculum writing in reading workshop
- June 7, 2013 - Surveyed the staff about professional development structure for 2013-2014 school year in terms of planning for staff developers, as well as scheduling a home-grown institute to occur at Midd-West during the summer of 2014. Survey results indicated that 47.7% of teachers would like to schedule a home-grown institute during the summer of 2014, 38.6% of teachers would like to have staff developers scheduled as well as a home-grown institute, and 13.6% of teachers would like to have staff developers scheduled for the 2013-2014 school year.
- Summer 2013 - Grade-level meetings to work on curriculum calendars
- Starter kits for 3, 4, and 5th grade teachers were distributed
- New units of study in reading and writing were distributed
- Some grade levels met a second time throughout the summer
- Summer reading camp at West Snyder Elementary School offered as a book club for students and as a professional development opportunity
- Summer meetings with literacy leaders (literacy coaches, curriculum council members, & principals)
- Book orders completed for classroom libraries K-5
- 11 individuals attended Summer Reading Institute at Columbia University Teachers College (4-kindergarten teachers, 2-second grade teachers, 1-third grade teacher, 1-fourth grade teacher, 1-reading specialist, 1-elementary principal, and Daphne.
- August 19, 2013 professional development focused on faculty meetings and close reading strategies
- August 20, 2013 professional development focused on Words Their Way, administration of running records, RtII, and grade-level meetings
- Visitations from Warrior Run School District
- October 14, 2013 professional development focused on reorganization of elementary literacy focus and grade-level meetings